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SUBJECT: UNCHR 60: ARMENIA TO ABSTAIN ON CHINA, VOTE 'YES'
ON CUBA

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Classified By: Pol/Econ Chief Cynthia Doell for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

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[11](#). (C) Foreign Minister Vartan Oskanian told the Ambassador April 14 that Armenia would abstain on both the vote to take 'no action' on the China resolution and on the resolution itself. He said that Armenia would vote to approve the Cuba resolution, as requested by the United States. Oskanian emphasized that this decision was "balanced as far as Washington is concerned."

[12](#). (C) Oskanian said that the GOAM had "looked at the resolutions from all angles" and that the decision on the China and Cuba resolutions was a "package deal" and fair. He noted that Armenian President Kocharian plans to make a state visit to China in the second half of the year, and voting to approve the China resolution was not a realistic option at this point.
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